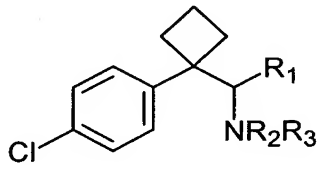
Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

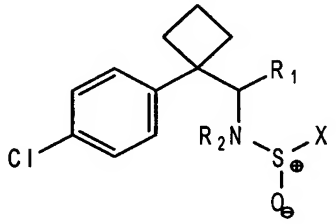
1-25. (Previously canceled without prejudice).

26. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a compound of Formula 1:



(1)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, clathrate, hydrate, or prodrug thereof, wherein R_1 is substituted or unsubstituted alkyl; and each R_2 and R_3 is independently hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, which comprises contacting a compound of Formula 2:



(2)

wherein X is independently a polymer bound alkyl, aryl or heteroalkyl; substituted or unsubstituted alkyl; substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl; substituted or unsubstituted heteroalkyl; substituted or unsubstituted aryl; substituted or unsubstituted ether; substituted or unsubstituted ester; substituted or unsubstituted ketone; substituted or unsubstituted phosphonate; substituted or unsubstituted phosphonic acid ester; substituted or unsubstituted phosphinoyl; substituted or unsubstituted sulfide; substituted or unsubstituted sulfone; substituted or unsubstituted sulfinyl imine; substituted or unsubstituted heterocycle; or NR_4R_5, wherein R_4 and R_5 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heterocycle or each of R_4 and R_5 is independently hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted ether, substituted or unsubstituted sulfide, or substituted or unsubstituted heterocycle; with a reagent capable of

cleaving a nitrogen-sulfur bond under conditions suitable for the formation of the compound of Formula 1.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein the compounds of formulas 1 and 2 are stereomerically pure.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein the compound of Formula 1 is provided as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ 28, wherein the compound of Formula 1 is provided as an acetic, benzenesulfonic, benzoic, camphorsulfonic, citric, ethenesulfonic, fumaric, gluconic, glutamic, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, isethionic, lactic, maleic, malic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, mucic, nitric, pamoic, pantothenic, phosphoric, succinic, sulfuric, tartaric, or p-toluenesulfonic salt.

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein R_1 is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more hydroxyl groups.

31. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~5~~ 30, wherein R_1 is $CH_2CH(CH_3)(CH_2OR_4)$, $CH(OCH_2OCH_3)CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2C(CH_3)_2OR_4$, or $CH_2C(OR_4)(CH_2OR_4)CH_3$, wherein R_4 is alkyl, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, aryl, hydrogen, acyl, carbonate, carbamate, ester, or urea.

32. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein R_2 is not the same as R_3.

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein R_2 and R_3 are both hydrogen.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein R_2 is methyl and R_3 is hydrogen.

35. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein X is substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocycle, substituted or unsubstituted heteroalkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein X is alkyl.

37. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, wherein X is aryl.